



Changes to the Episodes of Care Financial Incentive Program

Arkansas Medicaid has announced changes to the Episodes of Care program. Beginning July 1, 2020, (state fiscal year 2021) the “financial” Episodes of Care transitioned to “informational” reports thereby ending the financial incentive program.

Beginning with the July 2020 reports release, only reconciliation reports will be published. The new informational reports, modeled after episode technology, will replace the existing reports, and function the same as the financial episode reports. Informational episodes are based on claims data, and inclusions and exclusions are still based on business and clinical reasons. They are still risk adjusted and quality is measured. An average episode cost is calculated for comparison with one’s peers; however, there are no financial category determinations of “commendable,” “acceptable,” and “unacceptable.”

Because the financial incentive program is ending, it is no longer necessary for Rural Health Clinics (RHC) to separately “claim” or “bill” for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI) laboratory tests.

AHIN Provider Portal to be discontinued

Because informational reports are based solely on claims, self-reported quality measures through the AHIN provider portal will no longer be required. ***The ability to report quality measures for only reconciliation reports, published during state fiscal year 2020, will still be accepted until December 11, 2020.***

October 2020 reports will be available on AHIN. AHIN will no longer be available after December 31, 2020.

New document retrieval system now available on the Medicaid Provider Portal

Beginning with the release of the October 2020 provider reports, all reports, including any supporting spreadsheets, will be published on the *HCI – Document Retrieval System* through the *File Exchange* option on the Medicaid Provider Portal. This is an easy to use and convenient method to access published reports. An MMIS “Job-Aid” for using the *HCI – Document Retrieval System* can be found at: <https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/Provider/Training/Training.aspx#ja>

For more information please contact the Provider Assistance Center, APII Help Desk, at 501.301.8311 or 866.322.4696, or your [AFMC Provider Relations outreach specialist](#).

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